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## **“The Open Window”**

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1. The name Vera means sincere. How is this an ironic foreshadow? What kind of girl is 15 year old Vera? What does the author mean when he says that her specialty is “romance at a moment’s notice”?
2. How does the author use Mr. Nuttel’s name as a foreshadow? Why does Vera ask him if he knows anything about her aunt when they first met?
3. Was Vera being mean or was what she did simply for fun?
4. What was Mr. Nuttel’s reaction when Mrs. Sappleton mentioned the open window and the men who would be coming through it?
5. How did Vera “play her part in her own setup” right up to the end?
6. The men were snipe hunting. There is a double entendre with the word “snipe.” Which meaning is most appropriate for this story and why?
7. How was this clever story more demanding of an author’s talents than many others that we have read?
8. What tone was created in “The Open Window”? Why did the author purposely create such a tone?
9. At what point did you dismiss the idea that this was a supernatural story and Vera was truly a prankster?